CHAPTER XIII.

SUBSIDIARY RULES.

Additional powers to make rules.

75. The Local Government may from time to time make rules[1]—

(*a*) to prescribe and limit the powers and duties of any forest-officer under this Act[2];

(*b*) to regulate the rewards to be paid to officers and informers out of the proceeds of fines and confiscations under this Act;

(*c*) for the preservation, reproduction and disposal of trees and timber belonging to Government, but grown on lands belonging to or in the occupation of private persons; and,

(*d*) generally, to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Penalties for breach of rules.

76. Any person breaking any rule under this Act, for the breach of which no special penalty is provided, shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one month, or fine which may extend to five hundred rupees, or both.

Rules when to have force of law.

[3]**77.** All rules made by the Local Government under this Act shall be published in the local official Gazette, and shall thereupon, so far as they are consistent with this Act, have the force of law:

Provided

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[1] For rules made under this section for—

(1) Bombay, *see* pp. 195 to 200 of the Bombay List of Local Rules and Orders, Vol. I, Ed. 1896;

(2) Central Provinces, *see* pp. 31 to 34 of the Central Provinces List of Local Rules and Orders, Ed. 1896, and Central Provinces Gazette, 1900, Pt. I, p. 214;

(3) United Provinces, *see* pp. 68 to 70 of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh List of Local Rules and Orders, Ed. 1894; *see* also North-Western Provinces and Oudh Gazette, 1899, Pt. I, p. 494; *ibid* 1900, Pt. I, p. 491;

(4) Punjab, *see* Punjab Gazette, 1899, Pt. I, p. 748.

[2] For notification declaring that certain officers shall exercise the powers of Forest-officers under certain sections, *see* Calcutta Gazette, 1901, Pt. I, p. 28.

[3] *See* also s. 23 of the General Clauses Act, 1897 (X of 1897), printed, General Acts, Vol. VI.

Provided that no rule made under section 27, 31 or 41 shall be so published without the previous sanction of the Governor General in Council.

CHAPTER XIV.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Persons bound to assist Forest-officers and Police-officers.

78. Every person who exercises any right in a reserved or protected forest, or who is permitted to take any forest-produce from, or to cut and remove timber or to pasture cattle in, such forest, and

every person who is employed by any such person in such forest, and

every person in any village contiguous to such forest who is employed by the Government, or who receives emoluments from the Government for services to be performed to the community,

shall be bound to furnish without unnecessary delay to the nearest Forest-officer or Police-officer any information he may possess respecting the commission of, or intention to commit, any forest-offence, and shall assist any Forest-officer or Police-officer * * *[1]—

(*a*) in extinguishing any fire occurring in such forest;

(*b*) in preventing any fire which may occur in the vicinity of such forest from spreading to such forest [1][and shall assist any Forest-officer or Police-officer demanding his aid];

(*c*) in preventing the commission in such forest of any forest-offence; and

(*d*) when there is reason to believe that any such offence has been committed in such forest, in discovering and arresting the offender.

Management of forests the joint pro-

79. If the Government and any person be jointly interested in any forest or waste-land, or in the whole or

[1] The words "demanding his aid" were omitted and the words at the end of clause (*b*) inserted by s. 4 of the Indian Forest (Amendment) Act, 1901 (V of 1901).